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BEGIN SUMMARY: NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT EITHER ON BATTLE-
FIELD OR NEGOTIATING FROMT SINCE REFTEL. PRESS REPORTS
INDICATE CURRENT TARGET OF ANTI-FRETELIN FORCES IS
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ATSABE ON MAIN ROAD FROM INDONESIAN BRODER TO DILI.

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FONMIN MALIK TOLD AMBASSADOR NOV 13 HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE
FRETELIN WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN GOP-PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS,
AS FRETELIN FORCES STILL IN RELATIVELY GOOD MILITARY
POSITION. MALIK SAID HIS PLANNED TRIP TO ATAMBUA IN
INDONESIAN TIMOR NOW POSTPONED UNTIL NOV 20, IF THEN.
MALIK SAID PRESIDENT SUHARTO AT MOST RECENT MEETING ON
TIMOR HAS REAFFIRMED GOI NON-INTERVENTION POLICY BUT HAD
AUTHORIZED HOT PURSUIT BY INDONESIAN FORCES OF FRETELIN
TROOPS IN RESPONSE TO MOST RECENT REPORT OF FRETELIN
CORSS BORDER RAID. GOI SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING CABINET
MEETING NOV 11 HAD ALREADY TOLD PRESS THAT SUHARTO HAD
AUTHORIZED INDONESIAN "PROTECTION" OF PRO INDONESIJAN
TIMORESE AND HAD ORCERED INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PUBLICIZE
GOI ROLE IN SUPPORT PRO INDONESIJAN PT PEOPLE. END SUMMARY
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1. BATTLEFIELD. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE FIGHTING IN PT
REMAINS AT RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL REPORTED REFTEL. LATEST
REPORTS MENTION WITHDRAWLS OF SOME FRETELIN TROOPS FROM
AREA OF ATSABE, UNDER PRESSURE FROM ANTIFRETELIN FORCES.
(ATSABE IS LOCATED ON MAIN ROAD TO DILI APPROX 15 KM NORTH-
EAT OF BOBONARO, PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED BY ANTI-FRETELIN
FORCES; ATSABE IS SEAT OF PRO-INDONESIAN LOCAL
RAJA). PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT FRETELIN CASUALTIES,
TERRORISM AGAINST PT POPULATION AND INCREASING FRETELIN
SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND MILITARY SUPPLIES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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2. DECOLONIZATION TALKS. FONMIN MALIK TOD AMBASSADOR
IN MEETING NOV 13 THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS
TOWARDS GOP-PROPOSED DECOLONIZATION TALKS WITH PT PARTIES.
MALIK EXPRESSED DOUBT RE PORTUGUESE SINCERITY IN PRUSUING
TALKS, SAYING GOP BASICALLY WANTS JUST TO WASH HANDS OF
PT SITUATION. MALIK SAID THAT PRO-INDONESIJAN UDT HAD
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THAT HE
BELIEVED FRETELIN WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO ENTER TALKS AS
LONG AS ITS MILITARY POSITION REMAINED RELATIVELY SATIS-
FACTORY AS AT PRESENT. MALIK SAID HIS OWN PLANNED TRIP
TO ATAMBUA IN INDONESIAN TIMOR (REFTEL) HAD BEEN POST-
PONED UNTIL AFTER UPCOMING RAZAK-SUHARTO MEETING, AND
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WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE NOV 20 IF THEN. (PRESS
REPORTS HAD QUOTED MALIK AS SAYING HE WILLING MEET
FRETELIN WHILE IN ATAMBUA AND AS OFFERING INDONESIAN
SITE FOR DECOLONIZATION TALKS IF DESIRED BY PARTIES).

3. GOI POLICY. MALIK TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT
SUHARTO AT MOST RECENT MEETING ON TIMOR HAD AGAIN REAF-
FIRMED GOI NON-INTERVENTION POLICY BUT, IN RESPONSE TO

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REPORT OF ANOTHER FRETELIN CROSS BORDER RAID WHICH
PENETRATED "TEN MILES" INTO INDONESIJAN TERRITORY (WITH
FOUR FRETELIN CAUSULTIES AND TWO CAPTURED ACCORDING
TO PRESS REPORTS) HAD AUTHORIZED HOT PURSUIT BY
INDONESIAN FORCES ACROSS PT BORDER IN EVENT OF FURTHER
INCURSIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

4. GOI INFORMATION MINISTER MASHURI TOLD PRESS FOLLOWING
CABINET MEETING NOV 11 THAT GOI WOULD NOT "REMAIN
SILENT" IF ASPIRATIONS OF PT CITIZENS FOR INTEGRATION
WITH INDONESIA WERE IGNORED IN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS.
MASHURI ALSO SAID THAT INDONESIA WOULD HELP IMPROVE
FIGHTING CAPABILITY OF ANTI-FRETELIN FORCES, AND QUOTED
SUHARTO AS TELLING CABINET THAT TIMORESE WANTING INTEGRA-
TION WITH INDONESIA DESERVED INDONESIAN PROTECTION.
MASHURI ALSO REPORTED THE PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED
LAUNCHING OF INTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AIMED AT
CREATING UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIJAN ROLE AND
POSITION IN HELPING PRO INDONESIAN TIMORESE.
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